

11-16-11

Dear Coaches and Managers,

Here's some up to date news, reminders, and information for you.

1. **Player evaluations**- For U11 and older competitive teams, a handwritten player evaluation and face to face meeting between team coaches, individual players and parents should take place between November 15th and January 15th. All competitive coaches have the evaluation form.
2. **YDP and Competitive Fall ending and Spring start dates**- November 19-20 is the last day of competitive training and games for all younger teams. Younger teams should look to take advantage of the Winter Clinics which are covered in the registration fees. The other option for individual players is private lessons which are encouraged but our private lesson policy is \$40 per hour divided by the number of kids participating. The official start date for the spring season training is January 17th.
3. **Louisiana Fire New Orleans Bowl 3v3 tournament**- This information and application are posted on the website. The deadline has been extended through next Tuesday November 22nd. The tournament is Saturday December 3rd for U6-U12 players. Roster max is 6 per team. Top 4 teams in each age group qualify for the ESPN 3v3 Nationals July 28-31, 2012. Each participant receives a free R&L Carriers Bowl game ticket and t-shirt. Parents can purchase a ticket for \$10. The bowl game will be held in the Superdome.
4. **Winter Clinics**- The schedule is up on the website and is as follows: November 28-30, December 5-7, December 12-14, January 2-4, January 9-11. Team members should check the field status on the website each Winter Clinic day to make sure the fields are open or closed. There is no charge for the Winter Clinics. Keep in mind that Audubon and City Park hold the Winter Clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays and LaSalle holds the clinics on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Winter Clinics are for our U11-U14 players (those competitive players NOT participating with their High School Soccer programs).
5. **Winter Camps**- We are conducting 3 indoor camp sessions. Camp 1 is November 21-23. Camp 2 is December 19-13. Camp 3 is December 26-30. Camp applications are on the Club website. There is a fee for the Winter Camps and they can be pro-rated.
6. **Louisiana Competitive Soccer League (LCSL)**- There will be a LCSL meeting December 4th in Baton Rouge. We will send you the meeting notes that week. In general, it's looking like there will be 6 state champions per gender determined after league seeding for the state tournament April 21-22. U12 boys and girls will likely have 4 state champions and state cup played over 2 weekends April 21-22 and April 27-28.

Please see the note from Jennifer Davis from LSA below:

On Tue, Nov 15, 2011 at 3:01 PM, Jennifer Davis <jenniferdavis@lsa-soccer.org> wrote:

*"In order to prepare the LCSL schedule for the Spring season, teams will need to please follow the instructions below to update their letter of intent for Spring- **DEADLINE is December 1 – TEAMS HAVE BEEN EMAILED THIS INFORMATION DIRECTLY THROUGH GOT SOCCER AS WELL***

Instructions for returning teams:

1. *Log into team account*
2. *Click on Events and then click on the League Event box under Accepted Applications (or can access from icon on home screen)*
3. *Click on Requests tab*

4. Click on dates in calendar in February/March that are desired blackout dates ("X" in corner of date) - as before **only click on the Saturday and the whole weekend will be blacked out** (dates highlighted in light yellow are LCSL play dates)
5. Enter tournaments into Requests/Notes box under Requests tab also

Eligible tournaments (pick max of 2): BRSA Red Stick, CABOSA Red River Classic, CFJLA Soccer Fest, Crossroads Cup, HTSA Bayou Shootout, Iberia Tabasco Shootout, LYSA Hub City Ford Lagnaipe, STYSA Strawberry Cup (girls only)

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1; schedules will be released the beginning of January

Let us know if you have any questions."

**Once the schedule comes out on January 1st for competitive teams, each team will have until January 15th (unless this date changes) to sort out any rescheduled games.

** Competitive 1 teams should blackout the Big Easy April 14-15 (I'm not sure why it's not listed above but will find out). Competitive 2 teams should block out SoccerFest March 24-25.

**We will send out a list of tournament options and recommendations for all teams by next Wednesday November 23rd.

7. **Youth Development Program (YDP (Cadets))**- YDP coordinators should pass this along to their teams. When traveling out of town, YDP teams should follow the same procedures as competitive teams per the Louisiana Fire Handbook on the website. Our YDP teams are welcome to sign up and participate in the SoccerFest tournament March 24-25 and the Big Easy April 14-15. At the SoccerFest, U9 teams will play Jamboree format and U10's will play tournament format. At the Big Easy, **only** U10's and older will be accepted and play tournament format.
8. **Chicago Fire (MLS) team game vs. Real Espana (Honduras) February 4th!**- The opportunity to host this type of event gives us the opportunity to promote the highest level of professional soccer in New Orleans and have a very successful fundraiser for the Club. There are two fundraising meetings this week at the Kenner office Wednesday November 16th 630-8pm and Thursday November 17th 630-8pm. Please encourage anyone interested in helping with the fundraiser or raising funds to attend tonight or tomorrow night's meeting.
9. **Gulf States Premier League (GSPL)**- Gulf States Premier league Meeting Notes 11-2-11
 Assignor fees- LA Fire (all Clubs) pay our assignor \$10 per game at LA Fire fields and the Club sends an invoice to Gary Buete (commissioner) for reimbursement.
 Matt, one of the league or commissioner helpers asked if folks could report scores including the game number, when, where, field.
 There will be a PDP (Premier Development Program) in place spring 2012 for 98 and 99 boys and girls. Each Club of the 10 in the league can send 6 players per age group and gender. There is a cost to get to the event and all costs covered for the players at the event. The format will be 11v11, presentations, 11v11.
 Nike ID2 (National team scouting program similar to that of ODP) is available two in the fall and two in the spring. Boys 98 and 99 age groups. Girls, 95-98 age groups.
 There are 2 event dates left for GSPL. Event 4 is March 3-4 for the girls and March 10-11 for the boys. Game 7 is LA Fire vs. GCUFC and committee decided to allow Clubs to

make arrangements with each other to play in Gulfport or N.O. GCUFC is willing to come to N.O. Game 8 is LA Fire vs. Hattiesburg and the two Clubs should make arrangements to play games in New Orleans.

Event 5 is April 28-29 but NOTE that U13 and U14 LA State Cup pre-lims is that weekend. Game 9 is LA Fire vs. MS Fire and MS Fire is looking to come to the Big Easy to play remaining game there. Game 10 is LA Fire vs. MS Brilla. The Hattiesburg location is ok for our U15-U18's but the 13's and 14's will have to play this game at another time and place.

On March 24-25 is the Gulf Coast Cup and for U15-U18 girls and 16-18 boys, the GSPL College Coach Showcase at the Sportsplex which will include 3 games and targeting 10-15 boys and 10-15 girls college coaches.

GSPL Tournament will include the top 4 finishers of GSPL league play. Winner of the tournament will go to the National Tournament. Boys National tournament looking to be somewhere in the Midwest. Girls National tournament somewhere in Florida. The GSPL tournament will take place in Jackson, MS May 12-13 (please note this is Mother's Day weekend).

Teams left to play for our teams-

13 boys- ms fire, msc, gcufc, ms brilla, tn rush

14 boys- brsc, ms fire, gcufc, hfc

15 boys- ms fire, gcufc, hfc

16 boys- ms fire prem, csc, gc Texans, gcufc, ms fire elite

17 boys- la fire red, msc, gcufc

18 boys- ms brilla, la fire blue

13 girls- ms fire, gcufc, hfc

14 girls- brsc, ms fire, csc, gcufc, ms brilla, hfc

15 girls- ms fire, gcufc, hfc

16 girls- ms fire, gcufc

17 girls-

18 girls- gcufc, hfc

We will keep you posted on the upcoming coach and manager meetings which will be coming very soon! Please call or email one of the DOC's with any questions or concerns at the contacts below.

Yours in soccer,

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